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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 4/2 9	This action is made final.					
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire month(s),	days from the date of this letter. 35 U.S.C. 133					
Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION: 1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice re Pate 3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449 4. Notice of info 5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474 6.	ent Drawing, PTO-948. rmal Patent Application, Form PTO-152					
Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION						
1. X Claims 1-51, 56-63 AND 65-114	are pending in the application.					
Of the above, claims	are withdrawn from consideration.					
2 X Claims 52-55 AND 64	have been cancelled,					
3. Claims	are allowed.					
4. X Claims 1-45,56-63 AND 65-114	are rejected.					
4. X Claims 1-45,56-63 AND 65-114	are objected to.					
6. Claimsare	Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.					
 This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examinati matter is indicated. 	on purposes until such time as allowable subject					
The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on not acceptable (see explanation).	Thèse drawings are acceptable;					
10. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been approved by the examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).						
11. The proposed drawing correction, filed, has been approved disapproved (see explanation). However, the Patent and Trademark Office no longer makes drawing changes. It is now applicant's responsibility to ensure that the drawings are corrected. Corrections MUST be effected in accordance with the instructions set forth on the attached letter "INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES", PTO-1474.						
12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy	has been received not been received					
been filed in parent application, serial no; filed on						
 Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213. 						
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claims 1-45, 56-63 and 65-114 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the references of Phillipps et al. (1 and 2) and Edwards in combination with Sarrett et al. for reasons already of record in the previous Office action. The designated allowability of claims 7 and 90 was in error and has been withdrawn as the rejection is seen to apply equally thereto. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are not seen as persuasive. Applicant and examiner are at issue over the applicability of the teaching of Sarrett et al. The

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reference teaches the utility of the reaction with steroids in general, with only 16 and 17 position substituents affecting the reaction. The reference further teaches that such a modification produces compounds with high activities. Applicant has failed to show why such a reaction and its activity enhancement of its products would not be expected to work for the broadly claimed compounds at hand.

Claims 46-51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph Lipovsky at telephone number 703-557-9590.

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